# FOREST SERVICE VOLUNTEER

get involved as a volunteer in the national forests

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## PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

NAME *(PRINT - Last, First, Middle Initial)* | DATE OF BIRTH | TELEPHONE NO:

ADDRESS *(Street, City, State, Zip Code)*

IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, GIVE NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN | TELEPHONE NO. *(Including code)*

ADDRESS *(Street, City, State, Zip Code)*

CIRCLE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 HIGH SCHOOL: 9 10 11 12 COLLEGE: 1 2 3 4 5 6

LIST SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS, IF ANY, IN AGRICULTURE, HORITICULTURE, ENGINEERING, HISTORICAL, ETC.

LIST ALL TRAINING RECEIVED, IF ANY, INCLUDING HOURS.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE PAST AND PRESENT EMPLOYMENT.

LIST INTERESTS AND HOBBIES.

LIST ANY PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER SERVICES, INCLUDING DATES AND/OR COMMENTS.

LIST VOLUNTEER WORK INTERESTS.

SHOW AREA OF AVAILABILITY *(National Forest, State, etc.)* | DATE OF AVAILABILITY

CIRCLE DAY(S) OF WEEK OF AVAILABILITY AND SHOW HOURS.

DAYS: SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

HOURS: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

SIGNATURE | DATE

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In 1972, Congress passed special legislation to enable interested citizens to assist in the important conservation work of the Forest Service. If you like people and are concerned about our country's natural resources, the Forest Service needs your skills and talents in its volunteer program.

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## Who May Apply?

Anyone who wants to become involved may apply! The Forest Service and its volunteer program has something for almost everyone—retirees, professionals, housewives, students, teenagers, and youngsters. A volunteer under 18 years old must have written consent from his or her parent or guardian. Students may wish to volunteer for work in many different parts of the country to earn college credits, based on agreements between their colleges and the Forest Service. Retired professionals have a wealth of knowledge they may wish to share.

Volunteers are limited only by their willingness to serve. However, such services must also benefit a Forest Service activity. A volunteer may work full time or only a few hours or days each week. A volunteer may also contribute a "one time" service.

A volunteer may apply at any Forest Service office in the local area. There are opportunities available in Cooperative Forestry, National Forest Administration, and in National Forest Research.

*All programs of the Department of Agriculture are available to anyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.*

## Why Volunteer?

This program offers you an opportunity to join and become involved with the Forest Service, the agency responsible for promoting conservation and wise use of forest land in the United States. The Forest Service is dedicated to the principle of multiple use management of the Nation's forest resources for sustained yields of wood, water, forage, wildlife, and recreation. Through forestry research, cooperation with States and private forest owners, and the management of the National Forests and National Grasslands, it strives as directed by Congress to provide increasingly greater service to our growing Nation.

## Some Typical Jobs

A volunteer may be working with National Forest staff specialists in resource protection and management, cooperative forestry, or research. There are many opportunities in each of these major areas

where your talents and concerns can be utilized.

You may be working at a Visitor Information Center conducting interpretive natural history walks and auto tours. You may appear in a campfire historical presentation. Or you may work behind the scenes—writing or editing interpretive stories in the library. Maybe you know a lot about a particular subject which you could tell to forest visitors. You may have the opportunity to assist in forest fire protection activities. Perhaps you would like to be involved with a youth program and teach the members about our environment.

Much satisfaction can be gained from helping others to understand our American heritage and resources. By being involved, not only will you become a better informed citizen—you will become a contributing American.

## How To Apply

Contact any Forest Service office in the area where you wish to serve. Apply directly by filling out the form in this brochure. Be sure to indicate any special interest area in which you wish to be involved or special skills you wish to use.

If you are selected, you will be given orientation on the Forest Service and the unit in which you are to serve. Orientation includes Forest Service history, objectives, programs, and safety.

The following definition of volunteer status is adapted from the Volunteers in the National Forests Act of 1972 - Public Law 92-300:

The Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized:

1. To recruit, train, and accept without

regard to the Civil Service classification laws, rules, or regulations the services of individuals to serve *without compensation.* Volunteers may assist in any Forest Service program or activity.

2. *The National Forest Volunteer will not be a Federal employee* and will not be subject to employment and regulations *per se.* An agreement will be entered into between the Forest Service and the individual, stating what each has agreed upon.

However, if the volunteer is sued for damage to property or for personal injury, including death, resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle within the scope of the assignment, the government will defend the volunteer under the provisions of the Tort Claim Act.

Further, if the volunteer is injured while working within the scope of the agreement with the Forest Service, the volunteer is covered by the Federal Employee's Compensation Act.

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